UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

THE ANNUITY, WELFARE and APPRENTICESHIP SKILL IMPROVEMENT & SAFETY FUNDS of the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 15, 15A, 15C and 15D, AFL-CIO, by its TRUSTEES JAMES T. CALLAHAN, ROBERT SHAW, RUSSEL SHAW and CHRISTOPHER WARD, and JOHN and JANE DOE, as Beneficiaries of the ANNUITY, WELFARE and APPRENTICESHIP SKILL IMPROVEMENT & SAFETY FUNDS of the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 15, 15A and 15D, AFL-CIO,

08 Civ. 1043(SCR)

ANSWER

Plaintiffs,

-against-

ON-PAR CONTRACTING CORP.,

Defendants.	
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Defendant, On-Par Contracting Corp. ("On-Par"), by its attorneys, Georgoulis & Associates PLLC, hereby responds to plaintiffs' complaint in the above-captioned matter as follows:

- 1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "1" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 2. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "2" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 3. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "3" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 4. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "4" of plaintiffs' complaint.

- 5. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "5" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 6. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "6" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 7. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "7" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 8. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "8" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 9. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "9" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 10. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "10" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 11. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "11" of plaintiffs' complaint, except admits only that On-Par is a New York corporation.
- 12. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "12" of plaintiff's complaint.
- 13. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "13" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 14. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "14" of plaintiffs' complaint.

IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

15. On-Par repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every response contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if set forth more fully herein.

- 16. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "16" of plaintiff's complaint.
- 17. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "17" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 18. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "18" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 19. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "19" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 20. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "20" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 21. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "21" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 22. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "22" of plaintiffs' complaint.

IN RESPONSE TO THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

- 23. Defendant repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every response contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if set forth more fully herein.
- 24. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "24" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 25. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "25" of plaintiffs' complaint.
- 26. Neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in paragraph "26" of plaintiffs' complaint and refers all statements of law to this Court.

27. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "27" of plaintiffs' complaint.

AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

28. The Complaint fails, in whole or in part, to state a claim upon which relief can be granted or upon which the relief sought can be awarded.

AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

29. Some or all of the claims set forth in the Complaint are barred based on plaintiffs' failure to give notice as required by statute and/or contract.

AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

30. Plaintiffs' complaint is barred, in whole or in part, by the statue of limitations.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

31. Plaintiffs' first cause of action is barred because any responsive records and documents are not in On-Par's custody and/or control and any production by On-Par is impossible and due to no fault of On-Par. Upon information and belief, the records and information sought are in the exclusive possession of the United States Attorney's Office and are not currently accessible by On-Par.

<u>AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE</u>

32. Plaintiffs' claim is barred, in whole or in part, based on the fact that On-Par has not employed any union workers since on or about May 28, 2006.

AS AND FOR A SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

33. All conditions precedent to suit have not been complied with and/or plaintiffs are barred by their election of an administrative remedy.

AS AND FOR A SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

34. Some or all of the plaintiffs' claims are barred by plaintiffs' failure to mitigate its alleged damages.

AS AND FOR AN EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

35. On-Par reserves the right to raise additional affirmative defenses as may be discovered during the course of these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, defendant On-Par demands judgment dismissing the complaint, together with costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees of this action.

Dated: New York, New York February 21, 2008

Michael McDermott

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